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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation
        CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, and 98-170 – In the
        Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service et al.

Dear Ms. Dortch,

        On behalf of Sprint, Richard Juhnke and I met, via telephone, yesterday with each of the
Commissioners Senior Legal Advisors: Chris Libertelli, Matt Brill, Lisa Zaina, Jordon Goldstein
and Daniel Gonzalez. The policy positions expressed by Sprint were consistent with Sprint's
February 19, 2003 comments on the Petition for Interim Waiver filed Bellsouth, SBC and
Verizon in these proceedings. Sprint confirmed its support of averaging USF charges across a
broad base of customers. Specifically, we explained how application of USF charges for LNP,
PICC and Interstate IntraLATA toll will be costly and time-consuming to implement at an
individual customer level. Further, if these charges where allowed to be spread across a broad
customer base, the impact would minor; only a few additional pennies per customer per month.
Sprint also stated that application of USF charges on DSL-based Internet access customers will
create a competitive disadvantage vs. cable modem providers, either in terms of higher prices or
reduced margins, depending upon whether the DSL-based provider opts to pass the charge along
to the customer or absorb it. Accordingly, Sprint believes the recovery of USF contributions for
its DSL-based Internet access services should also be averaged across a broader customer base.

        In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the dockets
identified above.

                                        Sincerely,
                                        /s/
                                        Jeff Lindsey

cc: Chris Libertelli
    Matt Brill
    Lisa Zaina
    Jordon Goldstein
    Daniel Gonzalez